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ARMOUR'S HEAD CROSS-EXAMINED

Superintendent Admits That Eight-Hour Day Would Not Reduce Output.

SIMPLY COST MORE, HE SAYS

President of Chicago Live Stock Exchange Testifies Concerning Receipts.

SHUTDOWNS LOWER PRICES

Broken Machinery Claim for Discontinuing Industry From Time to Time.

CHICAGO Feb. 26—On cross-examination today John E. O'Brien, general superintendent for Armour & Co., admitted that a basic eight-hour day for stockyards employees would reduce the packers' output or increase with an adequate supply of conductors to the military supply of this country and the allies during the war. He said it simply would cost more to operate through the payment of extra compensation for overtime. The witness explained, however, that if the arbitrator's finding was for a basic eight-hour day he would believe that it was too long for the men to work. An actual eight-hour day, he said, would seriously interfere with the efforts of the packers to meet the government's demand for supplies during the period of the war.

The cross-examination of the witness occupied practically the entire day at the stockyard wage arbitration.

"The court agrees with the report of the president's mediation committee that the wages paid unskilled unscrupulous laborers are inadequate in view of the increased cost of living," asked Attorney Frank P. Ryan.

Slightly Below Average.

"They are in line with wages paid by other industries for the same class of labor," replied the witness. "Our scale may be slightly below the average paid in Chicago, but I believe it compares favorable in Kansas City, St. Louis and other cities."

"I think the cost of living has increased about 40 per cent. We have increased our wages 57 per cent in two years."

The witness admitted that the four increases made by the packers since 1918 had been decided upon without consulting the men and without an investigation regarding the increased cost of living.

Prices Depressed.

Everett C. Brown, president of the Chicago Live Stock exchange, testified concerning the receipt of live stock at the stock yards and said that more than half the cattle received there during the year or five months of the year. He read statistics showing the total receipts for various years and said that the high prices of the last two years had not stimulated production to any large extent. Receipts were larger 15 years ago than last year.

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"Did you ever know of the packers shutting down when they had live stock on hand?" asked Attorney Bush.

"They shut down from time to time when they have live stock on hand, but I am told it is because of broken machinery or some other cause," he said.

Socialist Members Are Accused of Disloyalty

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Accusations of treason and disloyalty were made against Socialist members of the New York board of aldermen during a meeting of that body today. Presentation of a resolution to postpone the board into a society for the sake of war thrift saving stamps called forth objections from the Socialists and immediately the meeting was in an excited tumult. Thirty members denounced the Socialists. Augustin F. Miller, Socialist leader, was called a traitor and threats were made to expel him.

The resolution was finally adopted over the negative votes of the seven Socialist aldermen.

Soldiers Caught Making Whisky Given One Year

MUSKOGEE, Feb. 26—Bush R. Fischer and Louis Miller of Tulsa arrested recently on presidential war bonds were to be informed for the period of the war. United States District Attorney McGinnis today received instructions from Washington to the effect that the two Germans should be taken to Fort Sill, and turned over to the commanding officer there.

Fischer has been in the United States since 1914 and Miller came to this country when a small boy. After being taken to jail he said he hadn't done much for Germany. "But expected to do more when he got out."

Both men were employed at a Tulsa hotel. Fischer as a cook and Miller as a waiter.

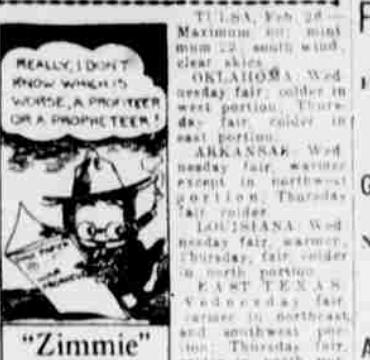
Student Aviator Killed When Machines Collide

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26—William J. Weisinger, a former Washington newspaper man, and W. C. Story of Freeport, N. Y., were killed when the airplanes in which the young cadets at Park aviation field near Memphis were making solo flights collided in midair and fell about one thousand feet into a gully. Weisinger was instantly killed. Story so badly injured that he died later in a field hospital.

Todays' protest brings the number of killed within the past three weeks at Park field up to eight, all collisions in midair.

Boy Killed in Accident. Bill Early, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Early of Drumright, died Monday, the result of injuries he received in an automobile accident while riding Sunday afternoon with his mother near Cushing, where the car was turned over. The body has been brought to Tulsa to the home of his grandfather, Mrs. J. H. McAllister, 1220 South 41st. Funeral services will be held Thursday after-

The Weather



EMPLOYERS NAME TAFT FOR CONFERENCE POST

Former President Will Serve General Public in Framing Labor Policy.

GIVES PRESTIGE TO BOARD

Next Selection To Be Made by Workers: Justice Brandeis Thot Probable Choice.

AVOIDING STRIKING OBJECT

Outlines of Issues Between Capital and Employees To Be Taken Up.

GOVERNMENT WANTS VETERANS TO MEET

McAdoo Promises One Cent Rate for Confederate and G. A. R. Reunions This Year.

TULSA MUST ACT QUICKLY

Other Cities Anxious to Entertain U. S. V. Convention If Magic City Falls Down.

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